

REMARKS

Claims 16, 28, 29, and 30 have been amended. Support for the amendments is found in the as-filed specification at at least p. 1, lines 19-29 and p. 5, line 7 through p. 6, line 2. No new matter has been added.

The Office Action mailed May 17, 2004, has been received and reviewed. Claims 16-23, 25, and 27-30 are currently pending in the application. Claims 16-23, 25, and 27-30 stand rejected. Applicants have amended claims 16, 28, 29, and 30 and respectfully request reconsideration of the application as amended herein.

35 U.S.C. § 112 Claim Rejections

Claim 30

Claim 30 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as allegedly containing subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention. Applicants have amended claim 30 and respectfully request that the rejection be withdrawn.

Claims 16-23, 25, and 27-30

Claims 16-23, 25, and 27-30 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention. Applicants have amended independent claims 16, 28, 29, and 30 and respectfully request that the rejection be withdrawn.

Independent claims 16, 28, 29, and 30 have been amended to recite that the organic composition comprises at least one component selected from the group consisting of acylglycerols; fats; oils; waxes in combination with at least one component selected from the group consisting of acylglycerols, fats, and oils; and free fatty acids in combination with at least one component selected from the group consisting of acylglycerols, fats, and oils. As such, the organic composition does not comprise only a free fatty acid or a wax. Since the organic composition also comprises at least one component selected from the group consisting of

acylglycerols, fats, and oils, glycerol is produced by the reaction of the organic composition with the short chain alcohol or water.

Dependent claims 17-23, 25, and 27 are allowable, *inter alia*, as depending from an allowable base claim.

ENTRY OF AMENDMENTS

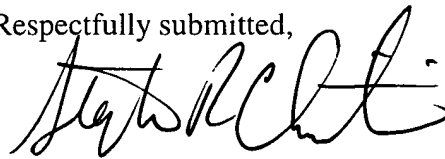
The amendments to claims 16, 28, 29, and 30 above should be entered by the Examiner because the amendments are supported by the as-filed specification and drawings and do not add new matter to the application.

Claims 16, 28, 29, and 30 were amended to clarify the subject matter of the claims and not for the purpose of narrowing the scope of the claims. As such, Applicants respectfully assert that no surrender or disclaimer of claim scope and, more specifically, of the broadest possible range of equivalents to which Applicants may be entitled has been effectuated.

CONCLUSION

Claims 16-23, 25, and 27-30 are believed to be in condition for allowance, and an early notice thereof is respectfully solicited. Should the Examiner determine that additional issues remain which might be resolved by a telephone conference, she is respectfully invited to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney.

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